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BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR PROPOSED DCID 3/6

1. The proposed DCID 3/6 was presented to the IAC Representatives on 18 February 1975 with Mr. Sherman Kent presiding. Col. John E. Leary, JIC Representative, expressed opposition stating that he had his guidance from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations, and that formation of the proposed committee would invade the Secretary of Defense's area of assigned responsibility for intelligence on military weapons and weapons systems (DCID 3/4, 14 August 1952, Annex A). Army and Navy Representatives agreed with Col. Leary. The Air Force Representative leaned toward adoption. State, FBI, and AEC were neutral.

2. All IAC Representatives agreed, however, that the objectives listed for the proposed Committee must be met, but indicated the feeling that perhaps the JIC Guided Missiles Working Group should do the job. The Service Representatives were queried as to whether their objections were occasioned on the basis that the leadership and secretariat were assigned to CIA, and answered negatively.

3. Based on the above reactions, the proposed DCID 3/6 was dropped from the IAC Agenda. The DCI felt that this item should not be juggled simultaneously with the ELINT problem. Therefore, the CIA strategy adopted was to reopen this subject after the ELINT problem was settled. We feel it is now time to push for IAC action on the establishment of CMIC. It is also our opinion that this proposed DCID 3/6 should not be reconsidered by the IAC Representatives.